

Manned Mission to Moon

1770. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the preliminary estimated cost of the manned space mission is Rs. 10,000 crore spread over a period of eight years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that about eighty top scientists and technologists have unanimously voted for the manned space mission programme; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir. The detailed cost estimate for the manned space mission is not made. However, the preliminary assessment is that the programme for the manned space mission to low earth orbit may need about Rs. 10,000 crores spread over a period of nearly 8 to 10 years.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The detailed study carried out by ISRO on the feasibility of undertaking indigenous manned space mission was presented to a gathering of prominent scientists and technologists. The members have recommended the Indian manned mission initiatives.

Usage of Funds at District Level

1771. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the protocol to monitor the usage of funds for the Central Government schemes at district-level;

(b) whether Government would consider posting district-wise periodically updated data of expenditure and achievements of the Central Government schemes against the annual target for the district; and

(c) if so, the time schedule for implementation?